# **NEWS AND GOSSIP**

Reinhardt's "A Venetian Night," Limit of Daring

STRAUSS' NEW OPERA

Somerset Maugham to Visit Canada to Secure Material for New Play. Bourchier to Retire From Stage-Barrie Is Active

By MALCOLM WATSON

prejudice or of holding puritanical views. Wakes" and "The Younger Generation. This latter, I understand, has been sed av night, but, naturally, gave no hint of day night, but, naturally, gave no hint of what his opinion really was, merely sug-

story and I am bound to admit it struck at present. Bourchier, I gather, is getting me as possessing several rather risky passages. Manifestly, everything depends on how a situation is handled on the stage —it only requires a touch one way or the counts upon securing two or three really counts. other on the part of the producer to create a disagreeable or an acceptable wills of Jericho." Should be persist in effect. There are some situations, the significance of which can never be concealed. But even in their case something can be accomplished to redeem their ugliness. From what I hear Reinhardt had done little in this direction, and the condemnation of "A Venetian Night" followed as a very find it difficult to resist their. tion of "A Venetian Night" followed as a him is over, find it difficult to resist their

sion. No, I am certain that Tree is far too shrewd to suggest such a thing. If he discussed anything with Strauss it would be the question of producing "Ariadne" at His Majesty's in the preise shape it was originally given at

Apropos of Somerset Mangham, he sails for New York in the course of a week or two. I mentioned some little time ago hat, despite his announced intention of concentrating his atention upon novelwriting, he was secretly at work upon a new play. It is designed for Charles Hawtrey and Charles Frohman will preamably have the American rights, Late-Somerset Maugham has been turning over in his mind the idea of writing a plece dealing with life and character in Canada. It is more than probable, consequently, that while on your side he will visit the Donimion for the purpose of obtaining material for such a work.

Hawtrey at West End

Reference to Charles Hawtrey reminds ne that he is to resume West End management early in January. As at present arranged he will do so at the Appolo. I say "at present" because a couple of days ago the lessee of that house. Tom B. Davis, and Hawtrey seemed likely to London, November 23.—(Special.)—The chlef subject of discussion—particularly in the atrical circles—during the week has been the lord chamberlain's refusal to sanction Max Reinhardt's production of the last moment Hawtrey seemed likely to disagree upon the merits of their opening play, an Irish comedy by the well known novelist, George Birmingham, known in his official capacity as the Rev. G. Hannay, canon of St. Paul's cathedral, Dublin. At the last moment Hawtrey tells me that having reconstitutions. sanction Max Reinhardt's production of "A Venetian Night" at the palace in its original form. The news came like a thunderboit upon everyone and not least upon the manager of the Palace, Alfred Butt. Lord Sandhurst's decision was based upon the report of one of his representatives, a very fair-minded man, who certainly cannot be accused either of prejudice or of holding puritanical views. Wakes" and "The Younger Generation." Charles Klein's drama, "Find the Womwhat his opinion really was, merely suggesting one or two slight modifications in the matter of certain costumes and dances. Evidently, however, he was very unfavorably impressed by what he witnessed and if the verdict of a friend of mine who also attended the rehearsal and in whose judgment I have every confidence can be trusted, I am scarcely surprised.

Charles Klein's drama, "Find the Women," has only about a month more to run at the Garrick. Upon its withdrawal Arthur Bourchier intends to give himself a little holiday, and to enable him to do so he has leased the theatre to Hawtrey, who will revive there that delightful children's play, "Where the Rainbow Ends," which proved so successful last year as a Christmas entertainment at the Savoy. When Bourchier returns he hopes to produce a new play by Stanley House. rised.

Some time ago I read a synopsis of the ton, whose work is very much in demand

and the of course.

Tree Still Holidaying
Beerbohn Tree is still holiday-making on the continent and after his usual irresponsible fashion does not bother to let anybody know what his movements are. The are however, that he was seen the other day in Venice. As likely as not he has made his way southward in order to spend a day or two with his daughter, Yolia, who, shortly after he continue her musical studies. The last official news of his week and the highest spirits and extremely hope like whereshouts came from Tree himself, olding waits, which, of course, is much the popular affort-manager had traveled hither to discuss with Richard Strauss the possibility of amalgamating his new opera, "Anidane," based on Molier's "Bourgeois Gentilhomme," with Somerset Maughan's adaptation of that piece. I can imagine Strauss look if Tree was really sufficiently daring to propose the courted and the portion of the performance of the more shelled over that he is summary of these figures it was limit sover, and it difficuit to resist their matter to course, and the bedone at the London Hippodrome. From the same witer Granville Barker has secured and no very distant date. Oswald Stotl. too kas secured "Rosalind" for the variety was converted to the consultant puts down one of the power in the burker of the proposition of the proposition

SHE IS TO MARRY AND HER DEBUTANTE DAUGHTER SOME DELICATE LATEST PHOTOGRAPHS OF MRS. GROVER CLEVELAND, THE MAN



Mrs. Grover Cleveland, who on October 28 announced her engagement to Mr. Thomas J. Preston, Jr., professor of archaeology and the history of arts in Wells College, Mrs. Cleveland's alma mater, gave society its first opportunity of felicitating her upon her approaching marriage on the occasion of her daughter's debut, on November 18. Miss Esther Cleveland, the eldest surviving daughter of the late President Cleveland, is considered one of the most attractive debutantes of the season. She is just entering her twentieth ver

must have a good deal of the spirit of shown that the expectation of life of importance in the training of children

If they did there would not be so great a disparity in the length of life of the two sexes."

Another consultant puts down woman's greater expectation of life to the more sheltered existence she leads and the lack of the physically depressing competition which is part of nearly every man's life. "A woman may have hard work to do," he explained ,"but except for the few who work in offices or who follow professions they work in their own homes and at a pace they set for themselves. The home is also as a rule vastly more airy, sunny and generally more wholesome than in her husband's shop or office."

cannot make by any method yet devised. In certain schools children are being taught to estimate weight "by sight," but with little real success. Pusits in a western school were taken daily, a year or two ago, upon walks, the entire length of which was spiked with iron rods placed at varying distances apart, and the pupil's task was assigned to reckon—by the eye—first one distance between two spikes and then another. Though prizes were given to stimulate the exercise, it was, and continued for a long time to be, far from satisfactory. A similar test given in a school upon an Indian reservation showed amazing results in favor of the

must have a good deal of the spirit of make-believe in your composition.

The other night I repaired to Sarah Bernhardt's dressing room to say good-bye to the famous French actress. She was in splendid form and received me in the most animated fashion. She repeated with fresh emphasis her keen delight at the prospect of crossing the Atlantic once more and the immense satisfaction with which she looked forward to getting into touch with your public again.

In a fortnight from now we are to have a new playlet from J. M. Barrie. It contains three scenes and is to be done at the London Hippodrome. From the same writer Granville Barker has secured a one-act piece which he hopes to produce

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Sweet Times at Birdsong

The sorghum mills are running early firm has had many other queer jobs. It and late these good days. The quality carried Watt's giant statue. "Physical Energy" from Piccadilly to the grave of

Old Dray Companies In London Unite

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Forty-Ton Screw Came Near Getting Away-Drays Are Guarded By Boy Detectives-Used to Carry Blunderbusses

Among the first things that the American who comes to live in London gets acquainted with are "Pickford's" and "Carter Paterson," the two big firms of carriers to whose tender mercles it is customary to entrust anything that one wants transported from one part of the mercenolis to the other. These two commerces that the huge weight might crack the mercenolis to the other. ter Paterson," the two big firms of carriers to whose tender mercles it is cuspanies have been rivals for over a century, but now they are going to folious forces, a third party in the amalgamaion, which will practically constitute a trust in the carrying trade, being the London Parcels Delivery company, the only serious rival of the other two big organizations.
Of these three companies Pickford's is

by far the oldest, the original Pickford having started business away back in the seventeenth century. That was not only before railways came into being but before stage coaches were running to any extent, and in those days the carrying industry was anything but the prosaic one that it is today. At the present time, so its general manager told the writer, Pickford's depends largely on a staff of boy detectives to keep watch staff of boy detectives to keep watch on its vans and pounce on would-be pifferers therefrom, but when the business started, and for many a long year thereafter, all the firm's drivers were armed with blunderbusses, and many of these antiquated weapons, marked with of these antiquated weapons, marked with the firm's name still hang on the walls of Pickford's main offices in Gresham street, in the city of London, Carter Paterson and company, which became so formidable a rival of Pickford's, did not come into existence until over a hundred years later, the only real competitor of Pickford's in its early days being, curi-ously enough, the founder of Bass & Co., the famous brewers. William Bass, who was born in 1717, started, in fact, as a carrier in the neighborhood of Burton-on-Trent, and merely made a spare-time hobby of the brewing of beer. This he began to sell to the people he delivered goods to, and, sad to relate, discovered that his hobby pald better than his main line; so he dropped the latter. 'Today Pickford's employs over 8000 : egular helpers, including its staff of boy sleuths, and owns more than 5000 horses. For the latter it runs a special hospital which is in charge of a staff of vet-erinary surgeons, and can accommodate

three hundred equine patients at once. Till they are fit for work again, these invalids lead a luxurious life, the hospital being fitted with Turkish, clay, shower and foot baths. It was Pickford's that brought Barnum's famous elephant, Jumbo, across the Atlantic, and also conveyed him about London, and in its long history the

Cecil Rhodes on the summit of the Matoppo hills in South Africa, while other "parcels" entrusted to it have been a

fifty-five feet righ, and a tank of live crocodlies.

Perhaps the most ticklish job that Pickford's ever undertook was the carrying of the forty-ton screw shaft of his majesty's ship "Hercules" across London to Woolwich, and this proceeding came near ending in a had smash. Thirty-six horses were needed to hauf the shaft, and to start with there were complications about getting it across the Thames. Westminster bridge, the authorities decided, was not strong enough to bear the burden, so Waterloo bridge had to be chosen.

As it happened, there was no difficulty whatever about getting across the bridge. The accident occurred while the long procession was coming down the stiff slope south of Piccadlity circus. Then a skid-chain broke. The huge wagon was

skid-chain broke. The huge wagon was just gathering way for a plunge down into Pall Mall when the head wagoner. Crawley, who was at the heads of the leading horses, managed to turn the team aside into Pall Mail east. The turn was made successfully, but the wagon, taking a corner of the curb on its way round, November 23.—(Special.)—

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ground the granite to powder under its wheels. Meanwhile the old admirals and generals sitting at breakfast in the United Service club, in Pall Mall, had fled for their lives.

Another delicate job that Pickford's carwith a gang of workmen whose duty it was to lay the plates down on the road when a main was being crossed, in order to equalize the strain. This time the job was carried through without a sin-

What Makes Old Age? From the Bellman.

It is a time when old age is purely optional. If one likes to be called an old man at 50 or 60, there is nothing to hinder him. If he considers himself old he is old. On the other hand, being 70 and still feeling youthful, he may with perfect prepriety hold his place in the pleasures and activities of the world and his actual years will be no handicap. Old age is much a thing of personal opinion; it de-pends more on the individual than upon the date of his birth. It is a state of

Referendum on Hanging

From the Brooklyn Eagle.

The most curious referendum in all the history of civilized lands was taken in the state of Oregon. The lives of In the state of Oregon. The lives of five men convicted of murder in the first degree hung on the vote. And, in effect, by a showing of more than two to one, the electors of Oregon determined that these men should be hanged. Hanged they will be. For the present, capital punishment remains in the penology of Oregon.

Back to the Iand

From the New York Sun. Noah sighted Ararat. "I am certainly heading that movement," he cried.

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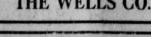
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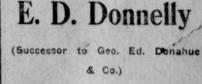
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